

EVER WONDER WHY?

When God Feels Far Away

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1. Just because you don't feel God doesn't mean he isn't present

- It is common for believers to not feel God's presence
- You can't always trust your feelings
- God wants you to live by faith not by your feelings

⁷ I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! ⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. ⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. ¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night - ¹² but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you. **Psalm 139:7-12 NLT**

¹³ O LORD, I cry out to you. I will keep on pleading day by day. ¹⁴ O LORD, why do you reject me? Why do you turn your face from me? **Psalm 88:13-14 NLT**

Our life is lived by faith. We do not live by what we see in front of us. **2 Corinthians 5:7 NLT**

2. Common reasons why you don't feel God's presence

- Maybe you are over-sensationalizing God's presence
- Maybe your heart is hardened
- Maybe God wants to help you walk by faith

'For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes - so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.' **Matthew 13:15 NLT**

²⁶ From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. ²⁷ "His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. **Acts 17:26-27 NLT**

Next Steps:

- Commit to walk by faith even when it doesn't feel right
- Commit to put my trust in God and not my feelings
- Ask God to help me to have a softened heart
- Attend the final message in this series (or watch on our Youtube channel)
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